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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-5 and 11-47 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants are correct that claim 50 was include within Group III.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 956855.

The process is set forth generally at page 3, paragraph 0013. This corresponds to the reaction of the claims when Y is a bond, since Z1=heteroarylene, Z2 of the reference can be, phenyl, and R1 and R2 of the reference can be alkyl. An example of such species is seen as 115 on page 16. As this is the sole method of preparing the compound disclosed, that constitutes a teaching.

This example 115 (and others) have Z1 as phenylene. Applicants have narrowed the claims so that X (which corresponds to the Z1) is heteroarylene. But the reference teaches that Z1 can be thienyl or furanyl. There are many working examples of Z1 as thienyl or furanyl in Table 1, but none of these happen to have Z2 as phenyl, so the reference is no longer an anticipation. However, the reference clearly teaches that thienyl or furanyl is clearly usable as an alternative to phenyl in making compounds by this process.

The remarks referred to the fact that claims 4-5 were not rejected. These were not rejected because they require X as pyrazolene, which is not taught by the reference. Inserting this limitation into claim 1 will overcome this rejection.

With regard to claims 6 and 9, note that the specific acid halide reagent to introduce the e.g. biphenyl group appears at page 3, line 51, and the intermediate appears as 115a on page 17, and so the b option in paragraph 0015 is applicants' claim 6 process. The pyridine of line 52 meets claim 10.

As for claims 7-8, this is covered by the c) option in paragraph 0015; note that the exact reagent listed in claim 8 appears at line 57.

Claim 3 calls for methanol, but the method given in the reference says ethanol. One of ordinary skill in the art of organic synthesis knows that the lower alcohols are very similar as solvents and that one would render the other obvious. The claims also says, "aqueous NaOH." The reference has "in 2 NaOH". One of ordinary skill in the art would understand that this is a typo meaning "2N NaOH", i.e. aqueous.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-5, 11-47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed

until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Berch whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on (571)272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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